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### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MORAN of Virginia) at 11 o'clock and 30 minutes a.m.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, December 22, 2009.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
*The Speaker, The Capitol, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 22, 2009, at 9:45 a.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2877.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3072.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3319.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3539.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3667.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3767.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3788.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1817.

With best wished, I am

Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,  
*Clerk of the House.*

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CHARLES E. SCHUMER, *Chairman.*

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Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
*The Speaker, The Capitol, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 22, 2009, at 9:17 a.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4282.

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con Res. 206.

Appointments: United States-China Inter-parliamentary Group (2).

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,  
*Clerk of the House.*

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER  
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bill and joint resolution were signed on Saturday, December 19, 2009:

By the Speaker:

H.R. 3326, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes;

and by Speaker pro tempore VAN HOLLEN:

H.J. Res. 64, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2010, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker on Saturday, December 19, 2009:

H.R. 3326. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, further reported and found truly enrolled a joint resolution of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker pro tempore, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, on Saturday, December 19, 2009:

H.J. Res. 64. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2010, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(b) of House Resolution 976, the House shall stand adjourned until noon today unless the conditions specified in section 11(c) of that resolution have been met, in which case the House shall stand adjourned sine die pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution 223.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 33 minutes a.m.), the House adjourned until today, Wednesday, December 23, 2009, at noon.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON  
PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. MALONEY: The 2009 Joint Economic Report (Rept. 111-388). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII the Committees on Financial Services and the Judiciary discharged from further consideration, H.R. 977 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII the Committee on Financial Services discharged from further consideration, H.R. 2646 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

REPORTED BILL SEQUENTIALLY  
REFERRED

Under clause 2 of rule XII, bills and reports were delivered to the Clerk for printing, and bills referred as follows:

Mr. PETERSON: Committee on Agriculture. H.R. 977. A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to bring greater transparency and accountability to commodity markets, and for other purposes, with an amendment, Rept. 111-385, Pt. 1; Referred to the Committee on Judiciary for a period ending not later than December 19, 2009, for consideration of such provisions of the bill and amendment as fall within the jurisdiction of that committee pursuant to clause 1(k), rule X.

Mr. OBERSTAR: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 3376. A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to ensure the traditional right of self-defense of United States mariners against acts of piracy, and for other purposes, Rept. 111-386, Part 1; Referred to the Committees on Judiciary, and Homeland Security for a period ending not later than March 25, 2010, for consideration of such provisions of the bill as fall within the jurisdiction of those committees pursuant to clause 1(k) and 1(i) respectively, rule X.

Mr. TOWNS: Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H.R. 2646. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to enhance the oversight authorities of the Comptroller General, and for other purposes, with an amendment, Rept. 111-387, Part 1; Referred to the Committee on Financial Services for a period ending not later than December 19, 2009, for consideration of such provisions of the bill and amendment as fall within the jurisdiction of that committee pursuant to clause 1(g), rule X.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under the clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. GOHMERT (for himself, Mr. AKIN, Mrs. BACHMANN, Mr. BARTLETT, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Ms. FALLIN, Mr. FLEMING, Ms. FOXX, Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, Mr. GINGREY of Georgia, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. ISSA, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. McCLINTOCK, Mr. PITTS, Mr. SCALISE, and Mr. SHAD-EGG):

H.R. 4408. A bill to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to eliminate automatic increases for inflation from CBO baseline projections for discretionary appropriations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas (for himself and Mr. SARBANES):

H.R. 4409. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize a program for the training of medical residents in community-based settings; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. PETERSON (for himself and Mr. CONAWAY):

H.R. 4410. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to require that a vacancy in the position of Comptroller General be filled only by an individual who is a licensed certified public accountant and who meets other qualification requirements; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. ROSKAM (for himself, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. CANTOR, Mr. BRADY of Texas, and Mr. BOUSTANY):

H.R. 4411. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent accelerated depreciation of natural gas distribution property and to clarify to which property such treatment applies; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WELCH:

H.R. 4412. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose a 50 percent tax on bonuses paid by TARP recipients; referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Small Business, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BOOZMAN:

H. Res. 995. A resolution of inquiry requesting the President to transmit to the House of Representatives all information in the possession of the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency relating to nutrient management of the Illinois River Watershed, Arkansas and Oklahoma; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. FUDGE (for herself, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mrs. BONO MACK, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. CASTLE, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HARE, Ms. NORTON, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KIND, Mr. KIRK, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. MASSA, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. PLATTS, Ms. RICHARDSON, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SESTAK, Mr. SIRES, and Mr. ALEXANDER):

H. Res. 996. A resolution expressing support for designation of September as National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

## ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 13: Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. TONKO, and Mr. PLATTS.

H.R. 197: Mr. TEAGUE.

H.R. 211: Mr. DAVIS of Alabama and Mr. GARAMENDI.

H.R. 1166: Mr. QUIGLEY.

H.R. 1549: Mr. HIMES, Ms. BERKLEY, and Mr. COURTNEY.

H.R. 1597: Mr. McCAUL, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mr. COBLE, Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, and Mr. TAYLOR.

H.R. 1955: Mr. MASSA.

H.R. 2296: Mr. TEAGUE.

H.R. 2377: Mr. TONKO and Mr. PLATTS.

H.R. 2450: Mr. STARK and Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California.

H.R. 2579: Mr. TONKO and Mr. PLATTS.

H.R. 2624: Mr. PLATTS.

H.R. 2730: Mr. TONKO and Mr. PLATTS.

H.R. 2866: Mr. SCHIFF.

H.R. 2900: Mr. INGLIS.

H.R. 3019: Mrs. CHRISTENSEN.

H.R. 3077: Ms. CLARKE.

H.R. 3430: Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas.

H.R. 3578: Mr. TONKO.

H.R. 3589: Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut and Mr. PRICE of North Carolina.

H.R. 3692: Ms. PINGREE of Maine.

H.R. 3778: Mr. PETERS.

H.R. 4180: Mr. FARR.

H.R. 4243: Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas.

H.R. 4255: Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. CHILDERS, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. KIND, Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, Ms. PINGREE of Maine, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. HILL, Mr. HALL of New York, Ms. KOSMAS, Mr. FOSTER, Mrs. DAHLKEMPER, Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois, Ms. TSONGAS, and Mr. SMITH of Washington.

H.R. 4256: Mr. LARSON of Connecticut.

H.R. 4291: Mr. McDERMOTT, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Mr. LYNCH.

H.R. 4312: Mr. HOEKSTRA.

H.R. 4357: Mr. PIERLUISI.

H.R. 4400: Mr. CASTLE and Mr. RAHALL.

H. Res. 444: Mr. LIPINSKI.

H. Res. 988: Mr. WOLF and Mr. BOEHNER.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 7 public bills, H.R. 4408–4412; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 995–996 were introduced. **Page H15508**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H15509**

#### **Report Filed:**

A report was filed on Wednesday, December 16, 2009 as follows:

H.R. 3845, to extend and modify authorities needed to combat terrorism and protect civil liberties, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–382, Pt. 1).

**Reports were filed today as follows:** H.R. 977, to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to bring greater transparency and accountability to commodity markets, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–385, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3376, to amend title 46, United States Code, to ensure the traditional right of self-defense of United States mariners against acts of piracy (H. Rept. 111–386, Pt. 1);

H.R. 2646, to amend title 31, United States Code, to enhance the oversight authorities of the Comptroller General, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–387, Pt. 1); and

The 2009 Joint Economic Report (H. Rept. 111–388). **Page H15508**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Edwards (MD) to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H15505**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Gene Hemrick, Washington Theological Union, Washington, DC. **Page H15506**

**Communication from the Sergeant-at-Arms:** The House received a communication from Wilson Livingood, Sergeant-at-Arms, wherein he notified the House that the time previously appointed for the next meeting of the House was to be 6 p.m. on Saturday, December 19, 2009. Pursuant to clause 12(c) of rule I, the Sergeant-at-Arms notified the House that an imminent impairment of the place of reconvening at that time is due to the weather. **Page H15505**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:03 p.m. and reconvened at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 23, 2009.

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H15507–08.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 11:30 a.m. and at 11:33 a.m. on Wednesday, December 23, 2009 stands adjourned until 12 noon on Wednesday, December 23, 2009.

### *Committee Meetings*

No committee meetings were held.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2009

No committee meetings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the* HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Noon, Wednesday, December 23

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: To be announced.



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